

SENATOR POWELL IS OPTIMISTIC OF FUTURE

The Banner was in receipt the latter part of the week of the following letter written by State Senator Herbert E. Powell. While Senator Powell did not give us permission to reproduce the letter, yet we feel that his ideas could very appropriately be passed on to his constituency in Ionia county.

Here is what Mr. Powell says:
Ionia, October 19, 1916.
Belding Banner,
Belding, Michigan.
Dear Editor:

I have just been thinking how much pleasanter is your task as editor and writer of editorials on political questions of the day than it was two and four years ago. Well I remember the zero handshakes and the half-averted eyes of those we had been used to know as political brothers and one instinctively knew their vote would be cast with the opposition. Not so, now, when we have a united party and an opposition disheartened by four years of vacillation, indecision and broken pledges. Particularly are you fortunate in the personality of your local candidate for state representative, the Hon. Fred L. Warner. His personal life

requires no excuses, his record as a public official is without reproach. A man of ability and pleasing personality, as a first-term in the house he soon gained a place of influence. In the coming session many of the members will be new to the work and those of experience will naturally become the leaders. Other things being equal a members' usefulness increases in geometrical proportions to the length of his service.

Mr. Warner's vote has always been on the side of the public welfare and for higher and better things. I hope you will do all in your power to make the vote from Belding and vicinity as nearly as possible unanimous for my friend, Fred Warner.

Yours with best wishes,
Herbert E. Powell.

Gets \$400 for Beans
St. Johns.—James Sawyer, a prosperous farmer living near Elsie, took a load of beans to Oakley Thursday which brought him an even \$400. With poor crops this year from the dry summer, and the high prices now paid, a farmer needs only half a crop to make good.

Wise is the man who realizes that he is a fool and tries to live it down. Second thoughts are best, especially when they are less expensive.

(Political Advertisement)

Glenn D. Mathews Democratic Candidate for Judge of Probate Ionia County

Born in Lake Odessa; lived in Ionia county all but two years of his life; a graduate of the Portland High school and the law department of the University of Michigan.

Two years as assistant prosecuting attorney of your county.

Four years in the general practice of law.

A member of the Michigan State Bar association.

A man who by training and experience is well qualified to administer the duties of the office in an able and efficient manner.

A man who believes that a public office is a public trust and promises if elected to devote his entire time and energies to the office.

SOME PROBATE HISTORY

Since Michigan became a State in 1837 twelve men have filled the office of Judge of Probate for Ionia county. Nobody has been favored with the office for a fourth term and this is the FIRST TIME IN EIGHTY YEARS that anybody has gone before the voters of this county and asked their support for a FOURTH TERM for this office. Other county officials are elected for two-year terms and believe that they have been especially favored if allowed to serve two terms or four years in all. Should a man in the probate office have SIXTEEN YEARS?

No man should have a LIFE LEASE on the political gifts of the people. To re-elect the present incumbent would result in his holding the office sixteen years which together with the time he was Register of Probate makes TWENTY YEARS in all. IF YOU BELIEVE THAT ALL THE PEOPLE SHOULD HAVE A PART IN THE GOVERNMENT INSTEAD OF A CHOSEN FEW mark a cross [X] before the name of Glenn D. Mathews when you cast your ballot November seventh. It will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully submitted,
GLENN D. MATHEWS.

(This is the State-Wide Dry Amendment)

INSTRUCTION BALLOT

VOTE ON PROPOSED

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Providing for prohibition in the state forever of the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, bartering or furnishing of any vinous, malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, scientific or sacramental purposes.

Amendment to Article XVI of the Constitution, by adding thereto a section to be known as section 11, providing for prohibition in the state forever of the manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, bartering or furnishing of any vinous, malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, scientific or sacramental purposes.

SECTION 11. The manufacture, sale, keeping for sale, giving away, bartering or furnishing of any vinous, malt, brewed, fermented, spirituous or intoxicating liquors, except for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, scientific or sacramental purposes, shall be after April 30th, 1918, prohibited in the state forever. The legislature shall by law provide regulations for the sale of such liquors for medicinal, mechanical, chemical, scientific and sacramental purposes.

YES ☒
NO ☐

(This is the "Home Rule" Ballot)

INSTRUCTION BALLOT

VOTE ON PROPOSED

AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Providing that every incorporated city and village, and organized township shall each have the right to determine whether or not there shall be prohibited therein the manufacture and sale of malt, brewed, fermented, vinous, distilled or intoxicating liquors.

Amendment to Article VIII of the Constitution by adding thereto a section to be known as Section 30, providing that every incorporated city and village, and organized township shall each have the right to determine whether or not there shall be prohibited therein the manufacture and sale of malt, brewed, fermented, vinous, distilled or intoxicating liquors.

SECTION 30. Every incorporated city, every incorporated village and every organized township (meaning thereby all that part of a township outside the limits of an incorporated city or village located partly or wholly therein), shall each have the right to determine by a majority vote of the electors thereof, whether or not there shall be prohibited therein the manufacture and sale of malt, brewed, fermented, vinous, distilled or intoxicating liquors.

Appropriate legislation shall be enacted to enforce and make the provisions of this section, and until such legislation is enacted, existing local option and regulatory laws on this subject shall continue in force; but no existing law inconsistent with the provisions of this section shall continue in force after January 1, 1919.

YES ☐
NO ☒



Fred L. Warner Candidate for State Representative



Earnest S. Fuller Democratic Candidate for Prosecuting Attorney

The prosecuting attorney is charged with the enforcement of the criminal laws and it is therefore proper that the voters know how he stands on the liquor question as most of the prosecutions arise by reason of this traffic. It is not enough that an officer enforces the law as a matter of duty, but in order to secure an enforcement that will make the law effective it is absolutely necessary that he believe in the law as a matter of principle and then he will put his heart into the matter of enforcement.

First. I am in favor of the prohibition amendment and shall vote to make Michigan all dry.

Second. Until the state becomes dry I am in favor of the present county local option law and if elected will use all the power vested in the office to enforce it and punish those guilty of its violation.

Third. I invite the most searching investigation of my record on the liquor question in order that the voter may determine whether by present position is taken for political effect.

I refer to Circuit Judge Frank D. M. Davis and to any attorney in the county as to my competency to perform the duties of the office.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Celebrate Anniversary
St. Johns.—Mr. and Mrs. J. Aikin, living on a farm one mile south of town, opposite Clinton county fair grounds, celebrated their sixtieth wedding anniversary on Monday, October 16. They were married sixty years ago in Summer, Niagara county, New York, and came to St. Johns in December, 1863, where they have lived ever since.

Three sons were home for the happy occasion. L. J. Aikin, a merchant from Evanston, Ill.; Rev. E. J. Aikin, pastor of the Chicago Lawn M. E. church in Chicago, Ill.; and F. E. Aikin, who lives at home. Rev. Aikin's wife accompanied him. One son, F. M. Aikin of Los Angeles, California, was unable to be present. Many neighbors dropped in to congratulate this hearty old couple now traveling in the eighties. Mrs. Aikin with the assistance of her daughter-in-law, prepared the anniversary feast. White roses adorned the table and the aged couple were in high glee with their boys all home again save one. These aged people are hale and hearty and bid fair to see many more years.

Normal Extension
Charlotte.—The Western State Normal of Kalamazoo will conduct extension classes in English, expression, or biology at Charlotte, beginning Saturday, October 21, at one o'clock in the supervisors' room of the county court house.

Last year's experience with Western State Normal classes in Charlotte clearly demonstrated the need of this work in Eaton county educational circles.

In order to accommodate the teachers of Eaton county and adjacent counties all meetings of the class will be held on Saturday. However, the class is open to all who may be interested in improving themselves intellectually.

Full credit is given for this work on all life certificate courses at the Western State Normal.

Thieves Make Junk Yard Haul
Ypsilanti.—The yards of Philip Lansky, junk dealer, at 308 East Michigan avenue were broken into and a quantity of brass and rubbers estimated to have a value of \$500 was stolen and hauled away.

Officers took up the trail of a one-horse wagon which had drawn up to the barn in which Lansky kept his store, and tracked the outfit as far as the paved road at the Wayne-Washtenaw county line and there lost trace of it.

Lansky estimates that the thieves took 1,000 pounds of old rubber tires, 150 pounds of rubber inner tubes, 800 pounds of brass, 75 pounds of block tin and 75 pounds of solder.

Deputy Sheriff John Connors and Ypsilanti police got busy on the case, and Lansky made a trip to Detroit Friday in an effort to discover where the thieves disposed of their load.

New Warden Makes Arrest
Lowell.—Barely had Patrick Ryan, recently appointed deputy game warden for Kent county by the board of supervisors, taken his oath of office before he made an arrest. As a result, "Paddy" today placed \$13.50 in the bank, his share of \$25 and costs of \$2.50 assessed Vito Famesco by Justice Creswell for killing a robin.

Ryan took his oath of office Saturday. Sunday he made the arrest. Monday Justice Creswell gave Famesco the option of the fine and costs or thirty days in jail. He paid.

Farm Bureau is Aid to Farmers
Lowell.—The Kent Farm bureau, which is asking the board of supervisors for \$3,300 to carry on the work in Kent county the coming year, has gained for the farmers of the county approximately \$8,000.00 in higher prices paid for their wheat.

Earlier in the year, through the instrumentality of the bureau, a conference of farmers and millers was held with a result that farmers now are receiving two cents a bushel instead of 1 1/2 cents, on increase compared with outside prices. The production of wheat in the county is about 400,000 bushels.

Two Accidents at This Place
Lako Odessa.—A falling motorcycle cost Leon Erick, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Erick the use of his right arm for some time. The lad attempted to shift the position of the motorcycle in the barn, it tipped over breaking his wrist.

While driving home from school Maude Goodemote of West Sebawa received spinal injuries in a runaway accident. Her horse became frightened at a passing automobile. She is slowly recovering.

Sugar Factory Opened
St. Louis.—On Wednesday morning of this week the St. Louis sugar factory opened the 1916 campaign, with a full complement of workmen and quite a number of applicants for positions whom it was unable to place at work.

The prospects are for a short run this year, the bees in this section only averaging about two-thirds of a crop and the quality only fair. The long spell of dry weather during July and August was bad for the beet grower.

The company has made many improvements to the plant the past season and thoroughly overhauled the whole outfit, so that under the efficient superintendency of Fred Arendt it is expected that the superior production of last year will at least be equalled if not excelled. Had the beet crop been normal it would have been a banner year for the St. Louis factory.

Good Crop of Beans
Howard City.—Geo. E. Thaler had 17 acres beans. Early in the season he became quite discouraged as the crop was fast drying up. The family went away for about ten days of vacation. While they were away two fine rains came, the beans blossomed a second time, set again, and thrived thrifly. He harvested and threshed what weighed up 303 bushels of marketable beans. He received \$4.75 per bushel for what he sold. The entire crop would have brought \$1,420. If he had had three bushels more his beans would have averaged eighteen bushels per acre—a record yield for this section this year. He handled



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(Political Advertisement)



Other Side of Sheriff Expense 1915

The SERVICE BILL for the sheriff and five deputies (not including court officers) for the year 1915 is \$6,969.89, the county was reimbursed by fines and costs by reason of convictions the sum of \$505.00; which means the total cost to the county for the year 1915 for the sheriff and five deputies for service, \$6,464.89.

The bills allowed by the board of supervisors, sometimes called the sheriff's bills, include in addition to the sheriff's service bills above, the bills for county coroners, trustees, officers, court officers, constables, city and village marshal fees, game wardens, and detectives paid by the board of supervisors, and jail board bill; for none of which items the sheriff is responsible.

The board bill is the amount paid by the board of supervisors to the sheriff for meals furnished by him to persons awaiting trial and persons committed to the county jail under sentence from the county courts, and over which he has no control. The amount now allowed is 17 1/2 cents a meal; this amount was increased in 1911 from 13 1/2 cents to 15 cents a meal, and again increased in 1913 from 15 cents to 17 1/2 cents a meal, to meet the increasing cost of provision; both increases having been made by the board of supervisors.

Ionia, Michigan,
October 16, 1916.

I hereby certify that the above is a correct statement taken from the records in the county clerk's office of

Ionia county, of the sheriff and his deputies service bills for the year 1915; also of the facts and circumstances in connection with the so-called sheriff's bills as allowed by the board of supervisors.

GEORGE W. MOULTON,
County Clerk, Ionia, Mich.

Between the people of the county and the sheriff, as a safeguard to the people and a check upon the sheriff, is the board of supervisors, who allow all bills, and unless all the bills of the above officers were correct and justified they would not have been allowed.

I have enforced the laws, and I respectfully solicit your support at the election, November 7.

ED. N. LOWREY.

Political Advertising

Republican Ticket

Seymour F. Gates

For
County Treasurer

I will Appreciate Your Support at the
Election November 7, 1916

A Few Reasons Why You Should
Vote for SEYMOUR F. GATES
For County Treasurer

Although Mr. Gates has always been a voter and a taxpayer in Ionia county, he has never before asked for a political office.

Orange township is entitled to recognition.

Mr. Gates's qualifications are of the best. He is a graduate of the Ionia High school and the Michigan Agricultural college, and has a practical knowledge of business.

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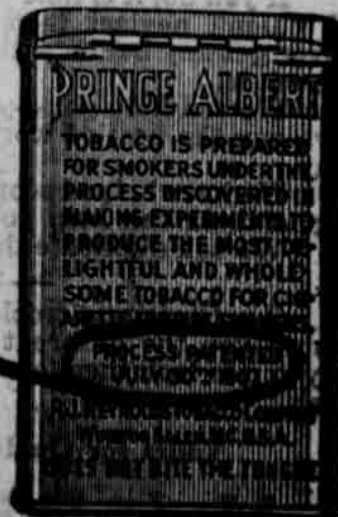
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